

Bedford Youth and Family Services Committee Meeting

MINUTES

Thursday, May 8, 2014

Attendance: Sue Baldauf, Director; Tom Pinney, Chair; Jeff Wardwell, Police; Caroline Fedele, Selectmen and Recreation Commission; Caroline Donnelly, Board of Health; Kristina Philipson, At Large; Peter Ricci, guest

Absent: Alison Malkin, At Large; Ann Guay, School Committee

- Meeting opened 7pm
- March Minutes were approved

Old Business

Programming update: Bedford Families Unplugged night is scheduled for Wednesday 11/19/14 and discussions ongoing for another unplugged night tentatively scheduled for 3/4/15. Job match is going well, trying to get kids jobs over the summer.

Grants are going well. Hoarding training scheduled for end of May with Eliot, Minuteman Senior Services, BOH , Police, and Fire to attend along with Town of Burlington representatives. In Healthy Dining program there are 3 or 4 restaurants have signed on to date. Working on stickers, brochures, and related publicity.

SRTS and Healthy Bedford are working with the town on a pedestrian master plan and identifying increased local transportation options. In Healthy Bedford grant activities, the RFP for the Pedestrian Master plan has been developed and is due to be released May 15. The transportation component of Healthy Bedford has 230 survey responses and most common request was a faster public option to Alewife. YFS is working with 128 Business Council and Transportation Coordinator for the REV on options.

Veteran's business is busy and planning for Memorial Day events. Sue was invited to work on an MMA task force to work on the new requirements under the Valor Act, some of which is designed to increase consistency for benefits eligibility as well as certify Veterans Agents.

Transitional families are down to 37 – 3 volunteers from the Bedford Plaza are going to be honored at Horizon's annual dinner in June.

Alcohol Policy – Caroline updated the group with respect to the Selectmen's vote on the new alcohol policy, which allows two drinks without a food order. While the Selectmen understood YFS concerns, they felt they had to allow restaurant owners, bartenders, and police enforce policies related to over consumption.

New Business

Election of Chair: Tom elected unanimously and committee expressed gratitude for his offer of time.

FY15 meeting schedule: Group reviewed schedule and saw no initial conflicts.

Other: Sue attended America's Promise conference in Washington D.C. related to increasing graduation rates. For now funding for the 100 Best communities for Young People is on hold, though Bedford is still identified as among the 100 Best Communities for Young People in U.S.

Sue is working with Health on their application for Mental Health/First Aid Training.

Tom brought up the remote participation discussion - committee agreed that in some cases this may be an acceptable option but would need to be a fit for the committee and only used on an exception basis.

Tom and Sue attendee the Volunteer training where open meeting law, conflict of interest, and other issues relevant to volunteer boards and committees was discussed. Some members had received a request to sign a conflict of interest statement with the Town Clerk and/or take the on line training.

Updates from Committee Participants:

BPD (Jeff) -Distracted driver presentation at BHS. Prom coming up in surrounding towns, with Junior Prom in Burlington and Senior in NH. Both SROs will be attending 8th Grade trip to Washington DC. Walk/Bike to School day successful and safe. Bedford is participating again this year in this very popular Middlesex Sheriff's camp the week of 8/4.

Selectmen and Rec Comm (Caroline)

Further discussions regarding Remote Participation and Alcohol Policy

Recreation Dates – Relay for Life 5/17, PMC 6/14, SBP opening 6/12, Bauman Bench dedication 6/14

BOH (Caroline)

May is Lyme Disease Awareness month. Continue to offer the walk for health during the day through May. Doing community awareness of summer camp licensing requirements of camps and their staffers.

At Large (Kristina)

Discussion at this time regarding the Love Thy Neighbor campaign and further community meetings scheduled for the recent anti-semitic issues in town.

Meeting adjourned 7:58 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Caroline Fedele

Acting Clerk

Next meeting: September 11, 2014 7:00 p.m., Town Center Mudge Room

Clerk: Alison Malkin

(Approved via electronic vote 9/17/14 by all members in attendance in May)